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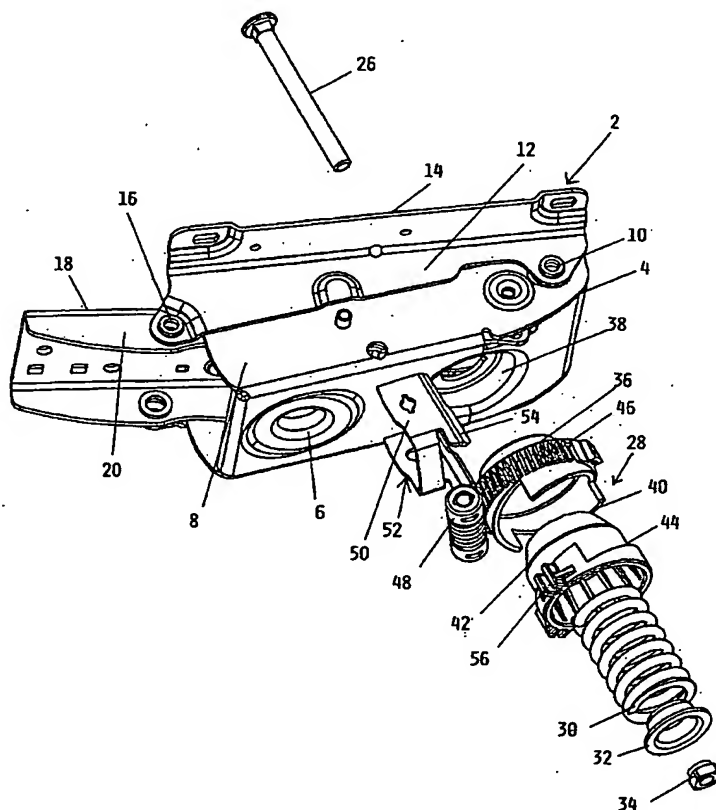
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(54) Title: **DEVICE FOR ADJUSTING THE DEGREE OF PRELOAD OF THE SPRINGS IN OFFICE CHAIR MECHANISMS**



(57) Abstract: A device for adjusting the degree of preload of springs in office chair mechanisms which comprise at least two parts hinged together and elastic means (30) maintaining said parts elastically spaced apart, said device being characterised by comprising: -a first element (36) provided with at least one inclined surface (40) and coupled to one of the parts (to the elastic means), -a second element (42) provided with at least one appendix interacting with the inclined surface (40) of the first element, and coupled to the elastic means (to one of the parts), - means (46, 48) for inducing axial rotation of one of said elements, - means (54, 56) for blocking the rotation of the other element.

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